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1. DURING CALL ON FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO NOV. 25, AMBASSADOR
TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND KIFLE OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH
TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SOME PROGRESS IN MATTER OF COMPEN-
SATION FOR NATIONALIZED AMERICAN FIRMS BEFORE GENERALIZED
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) GOES INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1,
1976. HE NOTED THAT FAILURE TO SHOW SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT
COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON ETHIOPIAN ELIGIBILITY FOR
GSP AND MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL, AS
OUTLINED IN AID-MEMOIRE (REFTEL). WE DID NOT WISH THIS
ISSUE TO CAUSE A BILATERAL PROBLEM AND IT WAS THEREFORE
IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST FOR ETHIOPIA TO MOVE AHEAD. AS
SENIOR EXECUTIVE FROM MOBIL NEW YORK WAS NOW IN ADDIS.
RQ WOULD

MAKE A USEFUL STARTING POINT. KIFLE COULD
UNDERSTAND PRESSURES THAT BUILD UP IN WASHINGTON, AND THE
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NEED FOR US TO COMPLY WITH US LAW. WE WERE PLEASED TO

HEAR FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES THAT ETHIOPIA WAS PLANNING TO TAKE STEPS, BUT WE NEED TO SEE SOME CONCRETE ACTION.

2. KIFLE CONFIRMED THAT EPMG HAD INDEED DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD. EPMG HAD CONCLUDED IT WAS PREFERABLE DEAL WITH EACH CASE OMTITS MERITS RATHER THAN ATTEMPT GENERAL "LEGISLATION" THAT WOULD REQUIRE UNIFORM STANDARDS DIFFICULT TO APPLY IN EVERY INDIVIDUAL CASE. WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS, PERHAPS EARLIER, HIGH COMMISSIONERS WILL BE APPOINTED AND BEGIN WORK. WHEN REMINDED BY THE AMBASSADOR THAT THERE WAS SOME URGENCY BECAUSE OF TIME CONSIDERATIONS, KIFLE ADDES THAT IN FACT EPMG WAS "ON POINTEI OF SELECTING COMMISSIONERS SINCE THERE WAS ALREADY AGREEMENT ON ALL BUT ONE OR TWO, AND HE BELIEVED CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS WOULD START WELL BEFORE JANUARY 1 DEADLINE.
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